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THE HEDGEHOG

RETURN TO
Angel Island
PART 3 OF 4



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...with **Knuckles the Echidna** and **Team Chaotix**, travel to the **Robotnik-controlled Angel Island** after learning that Knuckles' father, **Locke**, has been taken captive.

The heroes arrive to find that a great deal has changed since last they were there: the **Brotherhood of Guardians** has been missing in action since Robotnik conquered the island; the dingoes, now led by the sadistic **cyborg General Kage**, act as Eggman's enforcers and have enslaved the echidna population; Echidnaopolis has been renamed **Dingo City**; the **Dark Legion**, current caretakers of the **Master Emerald**, is also the rebel force that stands against Kage's dingoes; all while Locke is being held prisoner by Kage himself, who is trying his best to coerce him into revealing the Master Emerald's location,

Knuckles finds that he is being worshipped as a deity by many echidnas due to his resurrection from the **afterlife!**
Even more surprising, he has a little brother!
...WHEW!

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"RETURN TO ANGEL ISLAND:"

PART 3: HOW MANY ECHIDNAS DOES IT TAKE TO PROTECT A MASTER EMERALD?"

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HE'S YOUR BABY BROTHER, KNUCKLES! I WAS PREGNANT THE LAST TIME YOU SAW ME.

I GUESS TIME REALLY FLIES WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING A WAR, MOM!



SO, WHAT DO YOU AND WYNNMACHER CALL THE LITTLE RUG RAT, ANYWAYS?



HIS NAME IS **KNECAPEON MACE...**

...BUT WE CALL HIM "**KNEECAPS**" FOR SHORT!



KNEECAPS THE ECHIDNA?!

MOM, THAT'S GOT TO BE THE **WORST** NAME I'VE EVER **HEARD** FOR A KID!

HEE! HEE! HOO! HA!

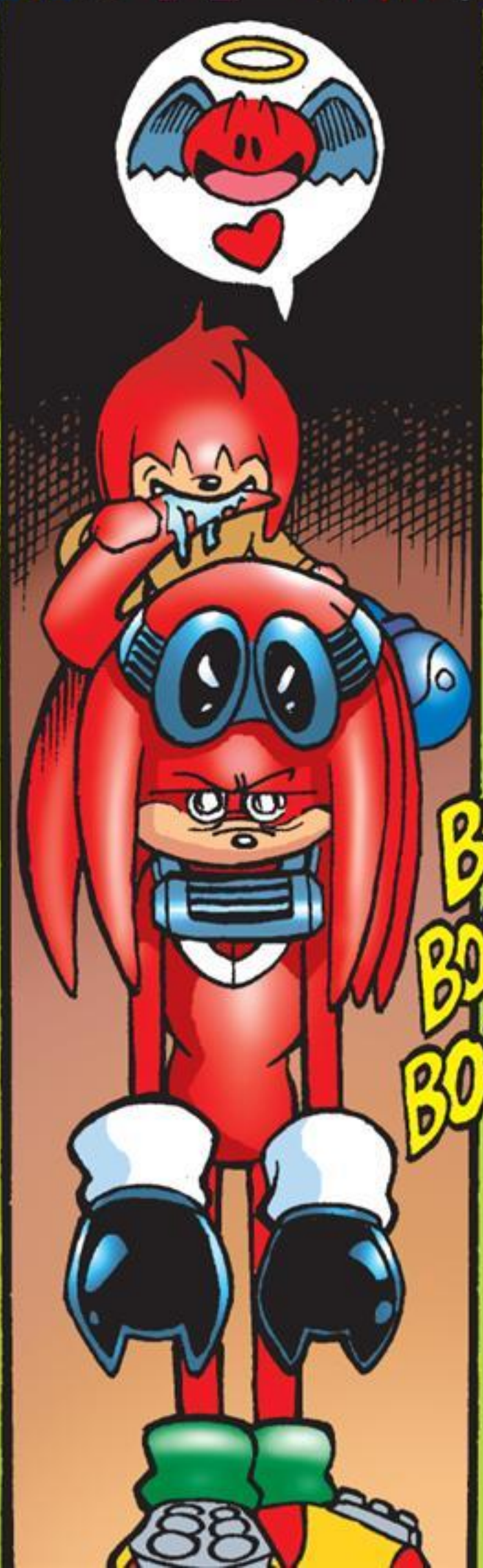


IS SOMETHING **FUNNY?**



HE **SEEMS** TO HAVE TAKEN A **SHINE** TO YOU, KNUCKLES!

YOU DON'T **REALLY** EXPECT ME TO...



QUITE A SHINE!

HE'S **GOING** TO GIVE ME **BRAIN** DAMAGE!

BONK BONK BONK

Later...

THE FREE ECHIDNAS PITCHED THESE TENTS SO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP FOR THE NIGHT.

WAY PAST COOL!

YEAH, BUT DID THEY DO IT OUT OF PLAIN OLD HOSPITALITY...

...OR BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE I'M THIS AVATAR HERE TO FULFILL SOME ANCIENT ECHIDNA PROPHECY!

WHY SHOULD IT MATTER, SON?

I... DUNNO, MOM.

I NEED SOME TIME ALONE TO THINK ABOUT ALL THIS...

I DON'T GET IT, JULIE-SU! WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?

KNUCKLES IS... COMPLEX, SONIC.

YEAH. IT'S GOTTA BE WEIRD DYING, COMING BACK TO LIFE, THEN HAVING EVERYBODY ACT DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF IT.

Y'MEAN LIKE HOW SALLY'S BEEN ACTIN' TOWARDS ME, MIGHTY?

Meanwhile...

OUT OF MY WAY-- I GOT BUSINESS INSIDE THE PALACE.

OH, REALLY? WITH WHO?

LET HIM IN.

AS YOU WISH, MISTRESS.

HE'S BEEN CLEARED.

TO WHAT QUOTE-UNQUOTE "PLEASURE" DO DOCTOR FINITEVUS AND I OWE THIS VISIT, KNUCKLES?

I'M NOT HERE TO SEE YOU OR JOE SUNSHINE OVER THERE, KOMMISSAR.

THEN WHY ARE YOU--?

AH. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. THE MASTER EMERALD.

WILL SOME ECHIDNAS NEVER LEARN...

"... THERE'S NO
USE IN
PINING AFTER
THE GLORY **DAYS?**"

IS **THIS**
WHAT IT'S
COME TO?
RETURNING
TO ANGEL
ISLAND...

... RETURNING
FROM THE
AFTERLIFE...

... SO I
CAN BE
RIDICULED
BY MY
ENEMIES?

AURORA WARNED ME-- SHE
WARNED ME-- THERE WOULD BE
CONSEQUENCES IF I CHOSE
RESURRECTION, BUT I
DIDN'T **LISTEN**. *

BECAUSE OF MY
STUPID **EGO**.

NOW I'M **STRIPPED**
OF MY CHAOS POWERS
AND EVEN **OUTFITTED**
WITH THE HAMMER GLOVES
AND AIR NECKLACE
ROTOR THE WALRUS
INVENTED...

* SEE SONIC
THE HEDGE-
HOG #125.

... IT'S ALL I
CAN DO TO
HOLD MY
OWN.

MEANWHILE, IN THE
IRONIC **TWIST** DEPART-
MENT, THESE ECHIDNAS
MISTAKENLY THINK I'M
SOMEHOW **SPECIAL**
BECAUSE OF IT.



THEY...
MUST...
BE...

EXCELLENT.
EVERYTHING'S
GOING **JUST** AS I
PREDICTED!



NEW MEGAOPOLIS—CAPITAL OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE

...DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK!

I'M
LISTENING,
GENERAL
KAGE...

SONIC, KNUCKLES AND
THE CHAOTIX HAVE *INFILTRATED*
ANGEL ISLAND AND HAVE *EVEN*
GONE SO FAR AS TO *ATTACK*
ONE OF OUR ECHIDNA
PRISON CAMPS.

KAGE

EGG

**BLAST IT, KAGE! WHAT ARE
YOU DINGOES GOOD FOR?!
HAVE YOU *GOTTEN* THE
PRISONER TO REVEAL THE
MASTER EMERALD'S
*LOCATION?***

STILL
WORKING
ON IT.

WORK *HARDER.*
EGGMAN OUT.

FATHER, I CAN
DISPATCH A LEGION
OF *EGG-PAWNS*
TO ANGEL ISLAND
IMMEDIATELY.

UNNECESSARY,
A.D.A.M....

OFFLINE

LAB GAMMA
• SNIVELY PROCESSING LAB •
ROBOTIZATION REPLACEMENT
FACILITY

NEVER GET A
DINGO TO DO AN OVER-
LANDER'S JOB! NOW THAT
SONIC AND KNUCKLES HAVE
ENTERED THE EQUATION,
THERE'S NO DOUBT THEY'LL
ATTEMPT TO RESCUE
THE PRISONER!

WE'RE
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME, M!

I'LL
GO TO ANGEL
ISLAND, FATHER.

AND DON'T *THINK* YOU
WOULDN'T MAKE DADDY
PROUD BY DOING THAT,
SWEET CHILD O' MINE.

I KNOW YOU'D LIKE
NOTHING MORE THAN
TO EXACT VENGEANCE
ON THAT BLUE RODENT
FOR DROPPING YOU
IN THE DRINK DURING
YOUR FIRST
ENCOUNTER... *

*SEE
ISSUE
#133.

...BUT I'VE
ALREADY GOT AN
OP WHO'S PERFECTLY
SUITED TO THE
TASK!

I'VE GOT NEWS,
COMPADRE! GOOD
AND BAD! THE
GOOD: AN ASSIGN-
MENT THAT'LL
GET YOU OUT OF
THAT STUFFY
PRISON-POD!

THE BAD:
THIS CONTROL
COLLAR WILL
MAKE SURE
YOU COMPLY-
LIKE NOBODY'S
BUSINESS!

THE HIDDEN PALACE ZONE

KNUCKLES...?
IT'S TIME.

Grumble

I'VE RECEIVED
WORD FROM MY DOUBLE
AGENT INSIDE GENERAL
KAGE'S ARMY...

...INFORMING ME *EXACTLY*
WHERE LOCKE IS BEING
HELD PRISONER. WE CAN
STAGE A RESCUE *NOW*...
IF YOU'RE *FEELING* UP
TO IT, KNUCKLES.

I'LL
COMMAND
THE *DARK*
LEGION.

KNUCKLES,
I--I--

I'M
GOING
MOM. DON'T
WORRY... I'LL
BE FINE.

DON'T
DOUBT
THE AVATAR,
LARA-LE!

YOU'LL BE
BETTER
OFF HERE
SAFFRON.

I KNOW,
CHARMY.
JUST
COME
BACK
SAFE.

WHAT ABOUT
ME, AVATAR?
I CAN
ACCOMPANY
YOU IN
BATTLE!

NO, REMINGTON. I
WANT YOU TO *STAY*
HERE. KEEP AN EYE
ON THE MASTER
EMERALD WHILE
WE'RE GONE.

NOT FOR *NOTHING*, BUT
AS FAR AS GETTING TO
DINGO CITY GOES, IT'S
NO PROBLEM FOR YOURS
TRULY WITH MY *SUPER-
SPEED* AND ALL...

...BUT HOW ARE THE *REST*
OF YOU GONNA GET THERE?



CENSORED!

I HAD TO ASK!

JHG/MP
04

DINGO CITY...

A ONE.
AND A TWO.
AND A.

12345
DEATH CHAMBER OMEGA

ECHIDNAOPOLIS
IS DEAD
YOU ARE
NOW ENTERING
DINGO CITY
"DEATH AND PESTILENCE
TO ALL ECHIDNAVERM"

SLAVEPITS
DARK FORTRESS



MY COMPLIMENTS
TO THE CHEF.
THIS ECHIDNA FILTH
STILL WON'T TALK
AND WORKING HIM
OVER ALL NIGHT
HAS GIVEN ME AN
APPETITE!

UHHNN.

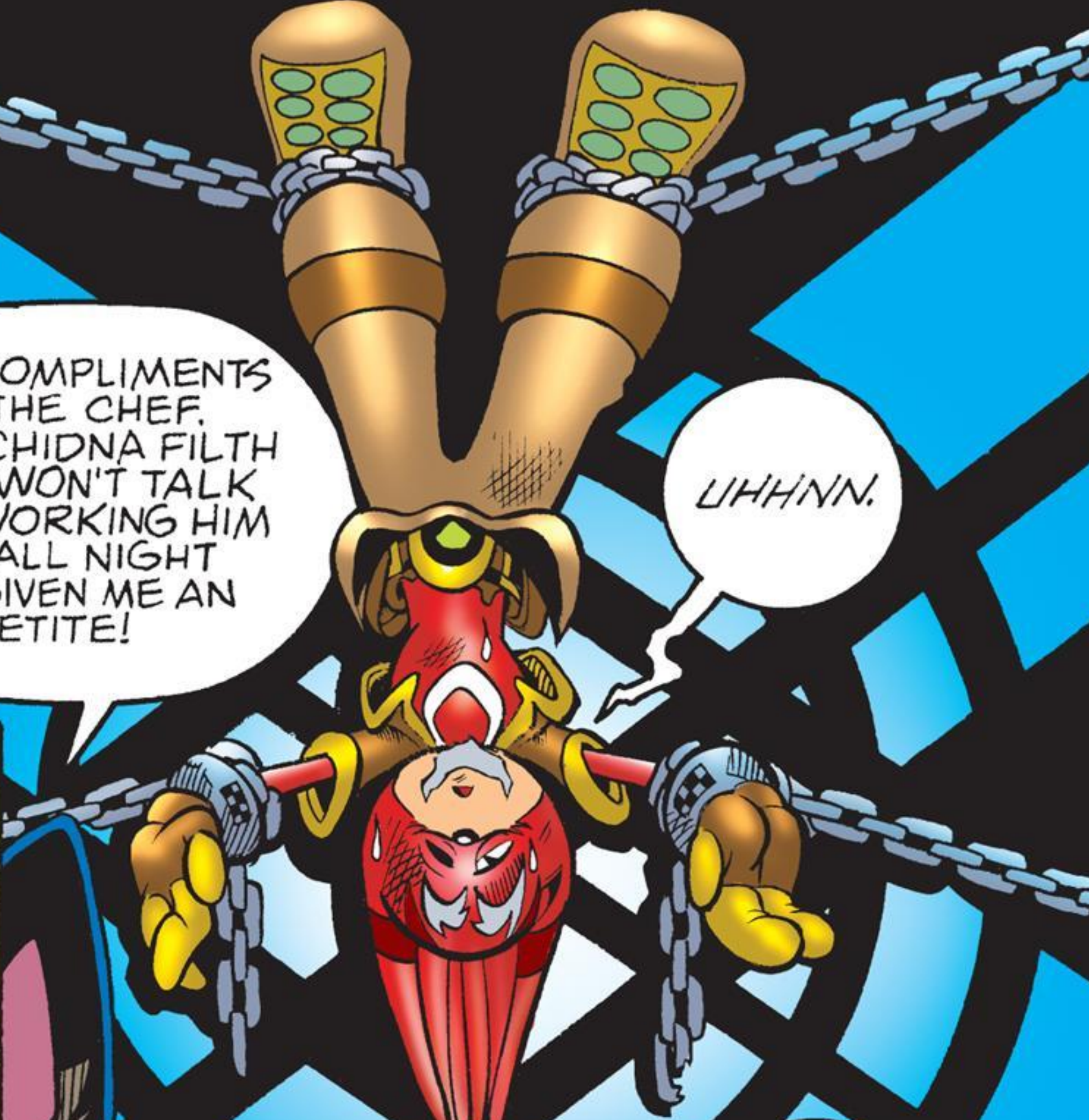
COME.

G-GENERAL
K-K-KAGE
...?

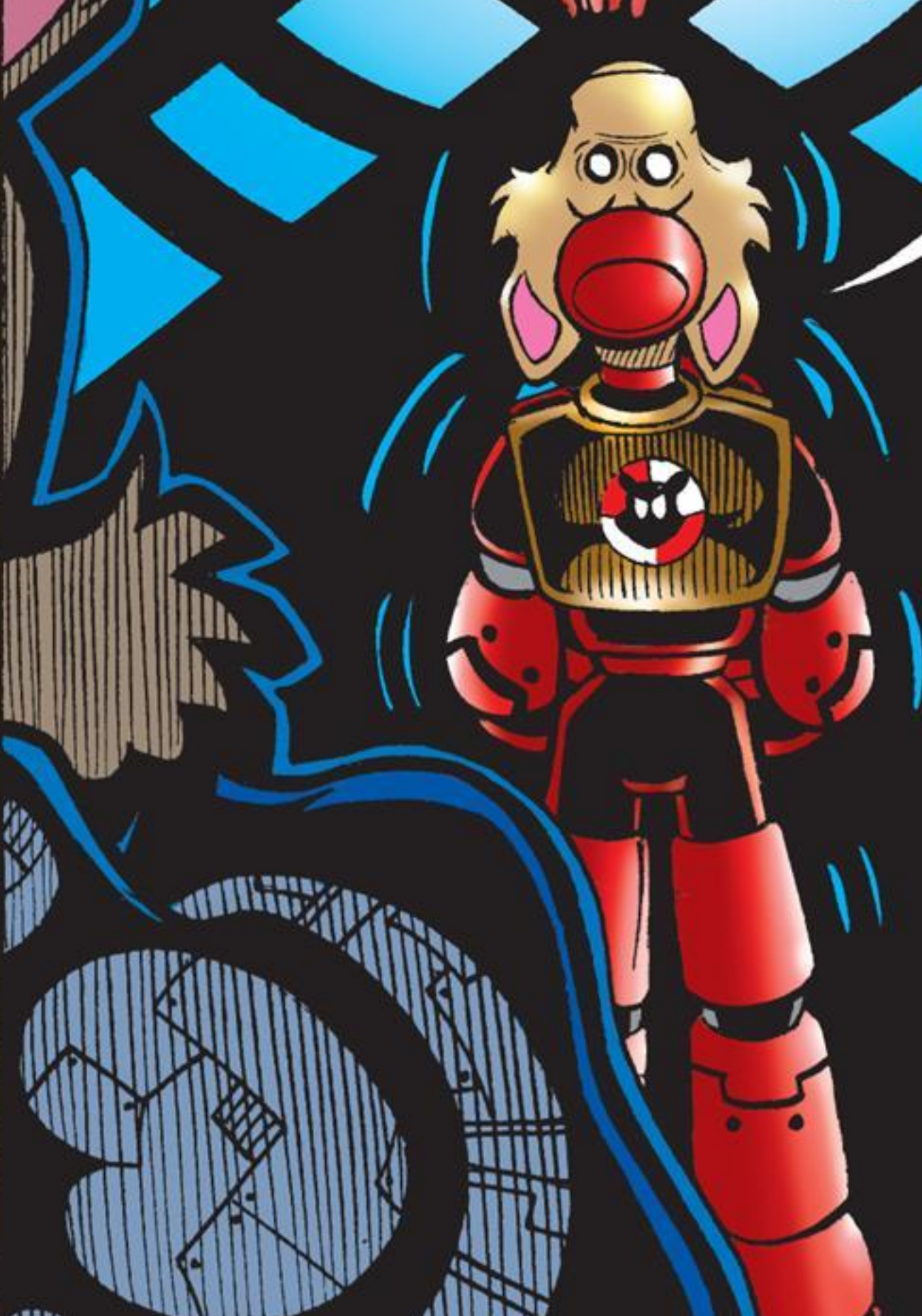


HARRY
?

I B-BROUGHT
YOU YER NUTRIENT
SUPPLEMENTS.



EEP!





HARRY, YOU IDIOT! THAT WAS MY BREAKFAST! WHY ARE YOU SO NERVOUS ALL THE TIME? CAN'T AN EX-CABDRIVER HANDLE SERVING IN THE MILITARY? I OUGHT TO--



LIVE FEED: MEGACENTRAL

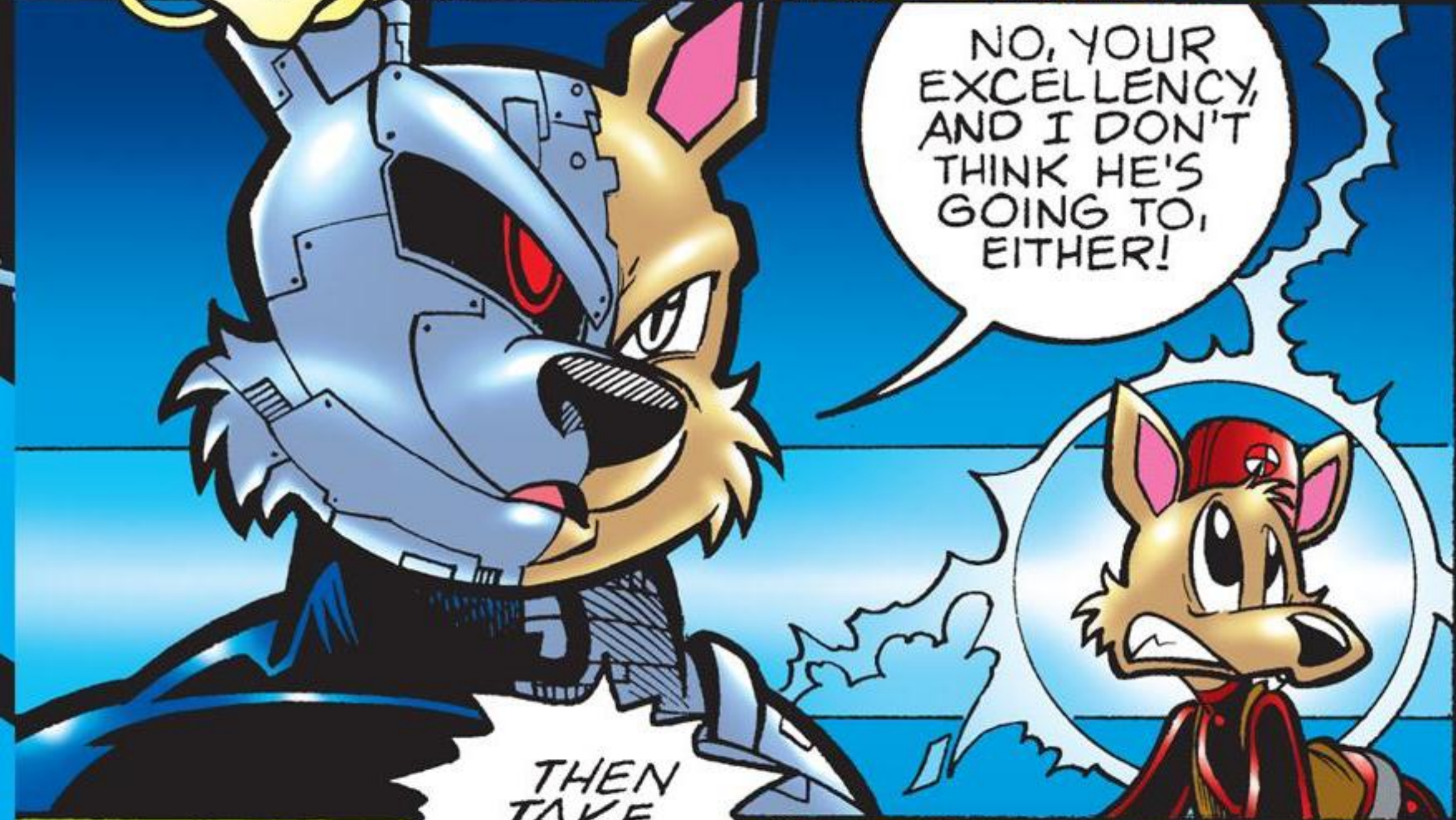
KAGE!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

WELL? HAS THE PRISONER REVEALED THE MASTER EMERALD'S LOCATION?!?

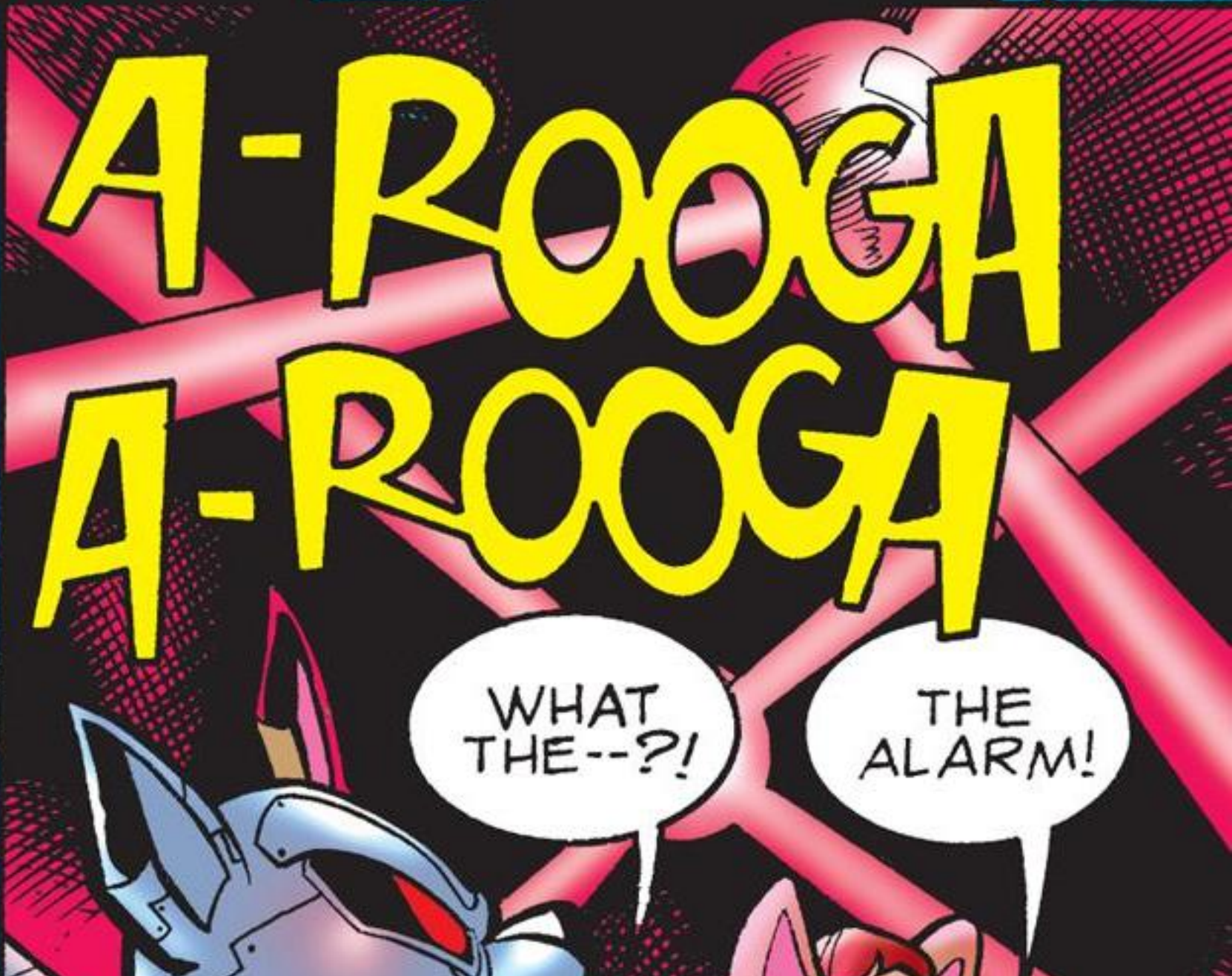
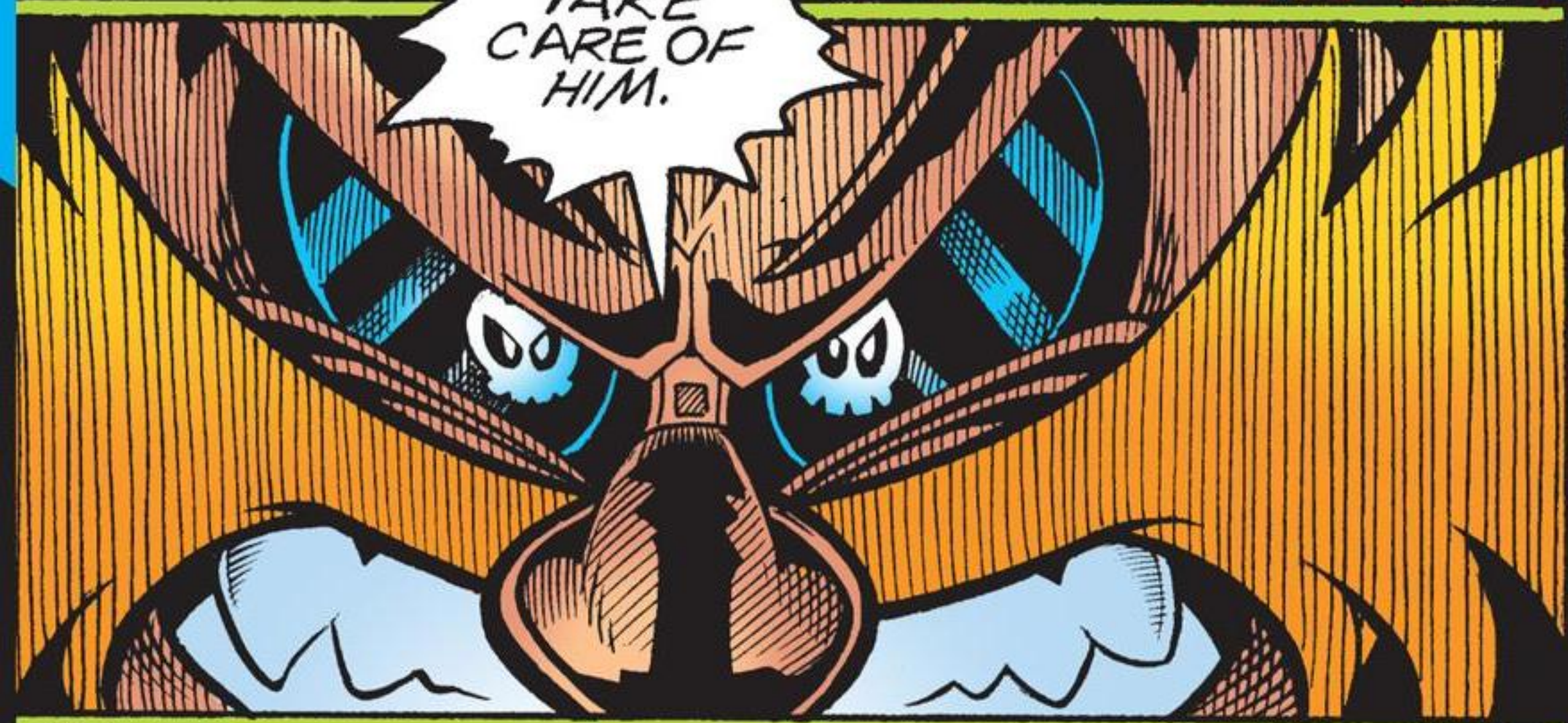
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LIVE FEED



NO, YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO, EITHER!

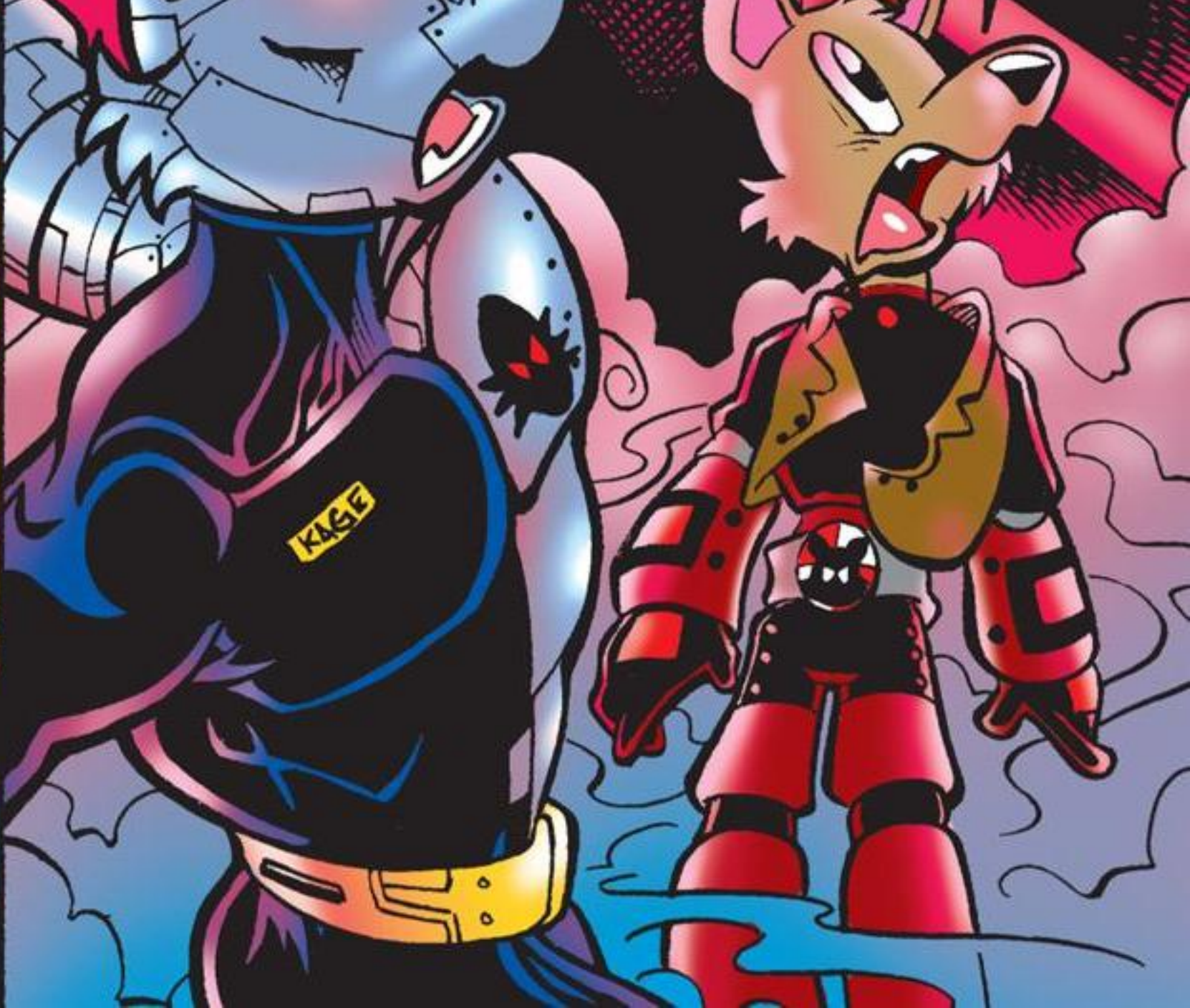
THEN TAKE CARE OF HIM.



A-ROOGA
A-ROOGA

WHAT THE--?!

THE ALARM!



I HEARD
IT WAS FREE
CHILIDOG DAY
IN DINGO
CITY!

YIPE!

YOU?
HERE?!
NOW?!

THEN
THAT
MEANS
--!

OUTSIDE...

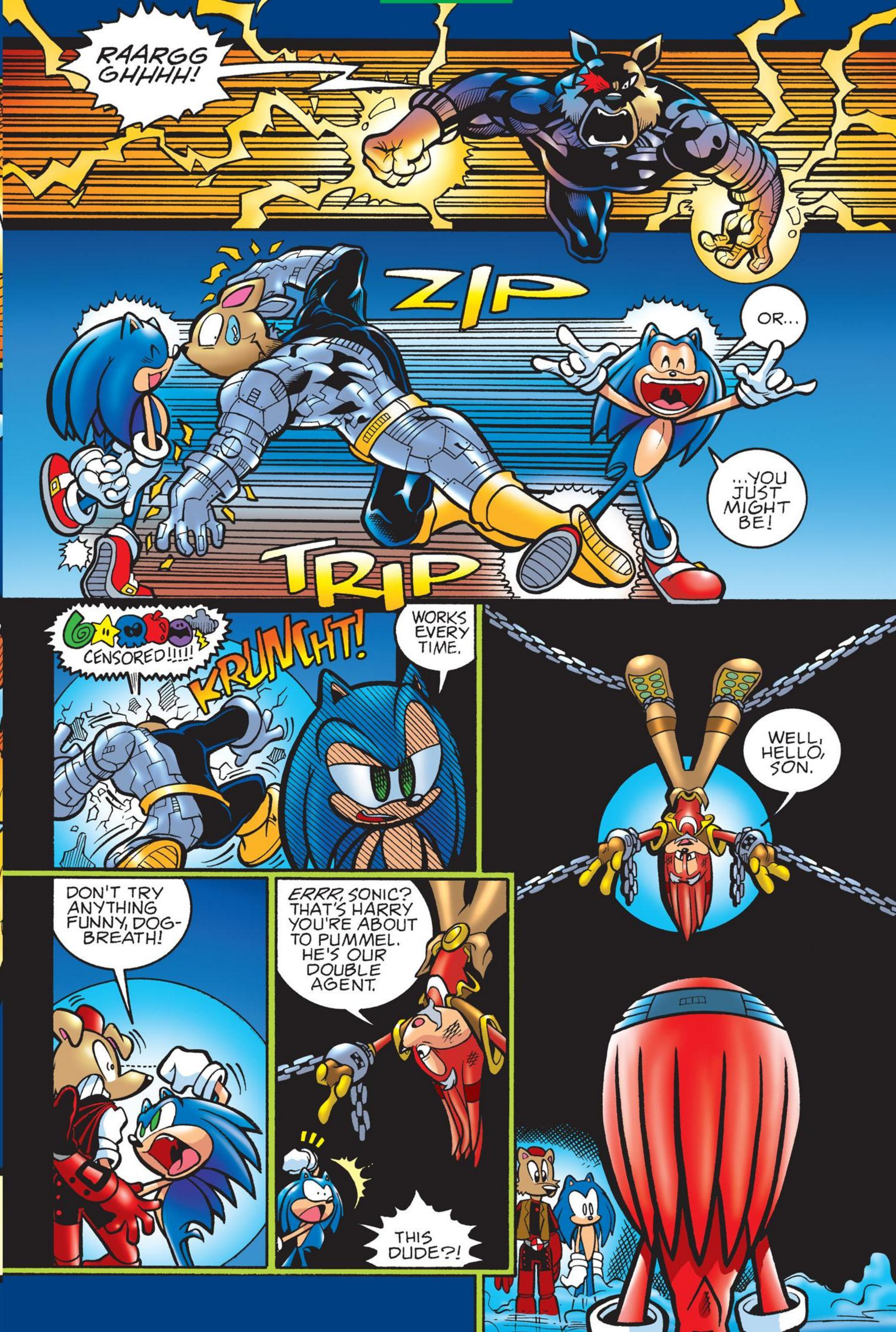
WELCOME
TO
DINGO CITY

GEN. STRYKER
GEN. KAGE-
SON
HAIL
EGGMAN

UH-
HUH.

Y'KNOW,
"KAGEY,"
YOU MIGHT
NOT BE AS
DUMB AS
YOU LOOK!





RAARGG
GHHHH!

ZIP

OR...

...YOU
JUST
MIGHT
BE!

TRIP

6★
CENSORED!!!!

KRUNCHT!

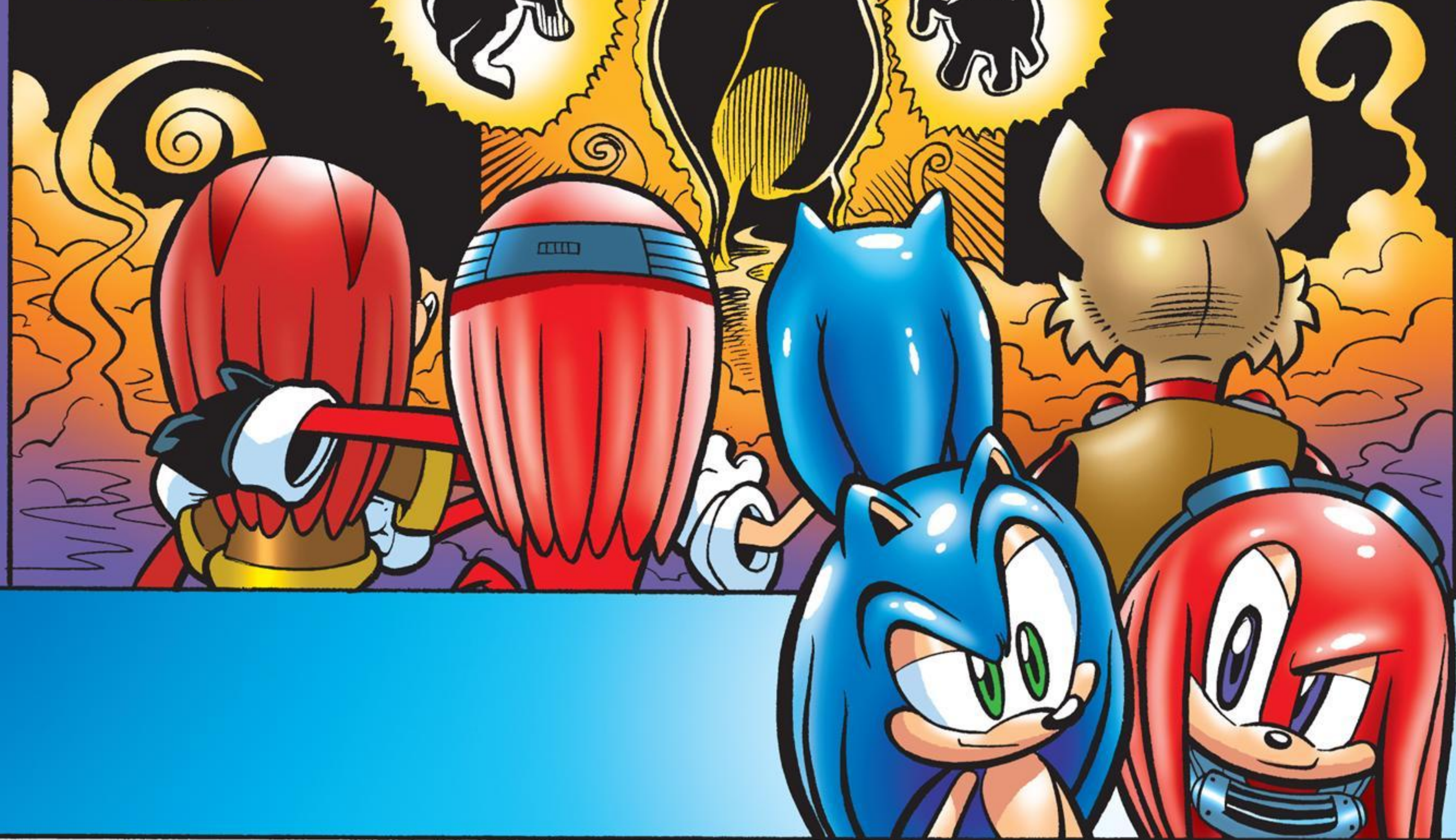
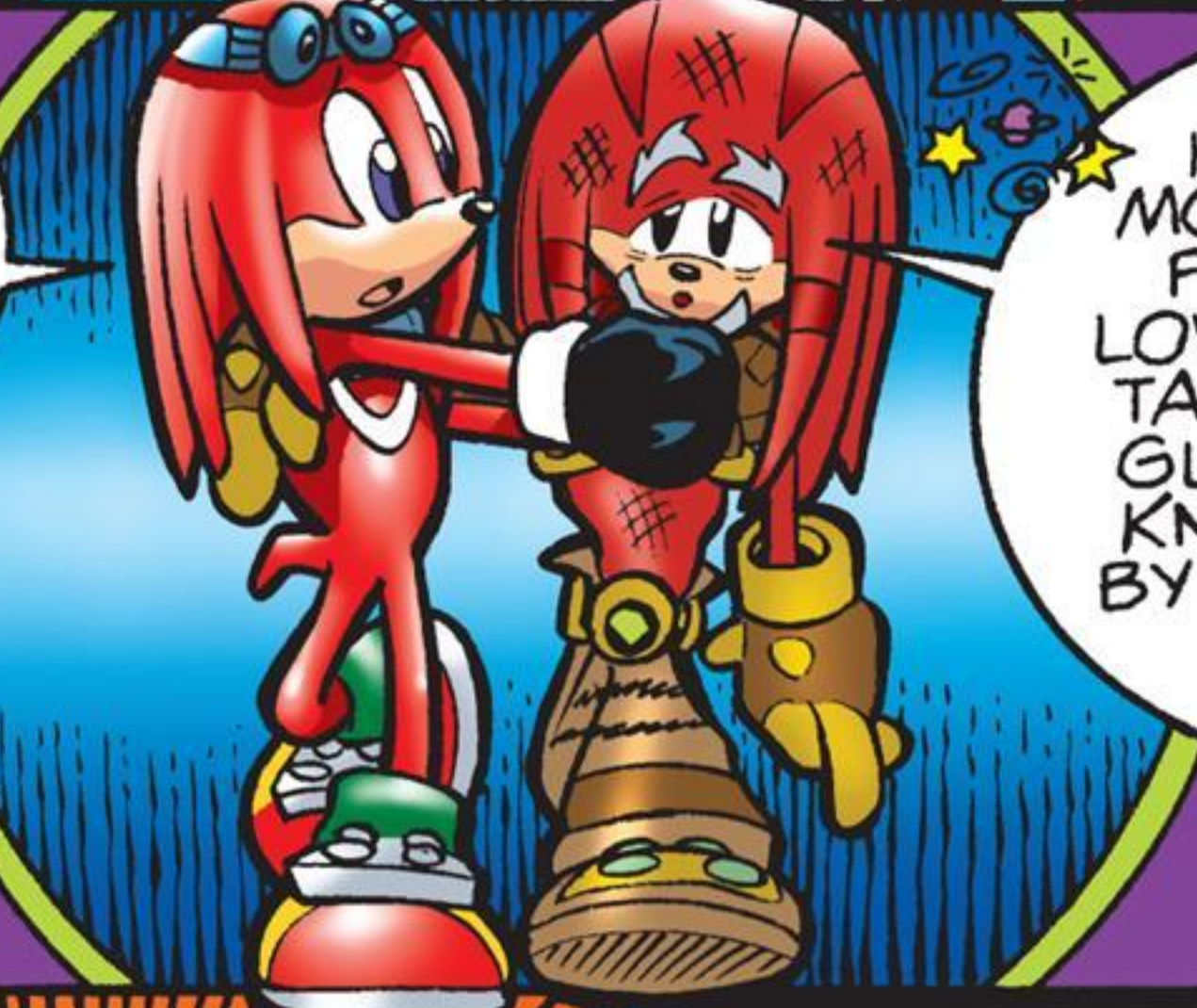
WORKS
EVERY
TIME.

WELL,
HELLO,
SON.

DON'T TRY
ANYTHING
FUNNY, DOG-
BREATH!

ERRR, SONIC?
THAT'S HARRY
YOU'RE ABOUT
TO PUMMEL.
HE'S OUR
DOUBLE
AGENT.

THIS
DUDE?!



KLOK

KRASH
TINKLE

SO HOW ARE
THE CHAOTIX
HANDLING THINGS
OUTSIDE THIS
SO-CALLED
STRONGHOLD,
RAD RED?

BETWEEN
THEM AND THE
DL, IT'S A
BUTT-KICKING
EXTRAVAGANZA,
TRUE BLUE!

DON'T PAT
YOURSELVES
ON THE BACK
SO SOON,
CRETINS!



YOU DIDN'T THINK
I'D BE FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO PUT
ALL MY EGGS IN
ONE BASKET,
DID YOU?

DIDN'T BELIEVE
I WOULD RELY
ON THE ECHIDNA'S
CONFESSION AS
MY SOLE MEANS
OF TRACKING
THE MASTER
EMERALD.

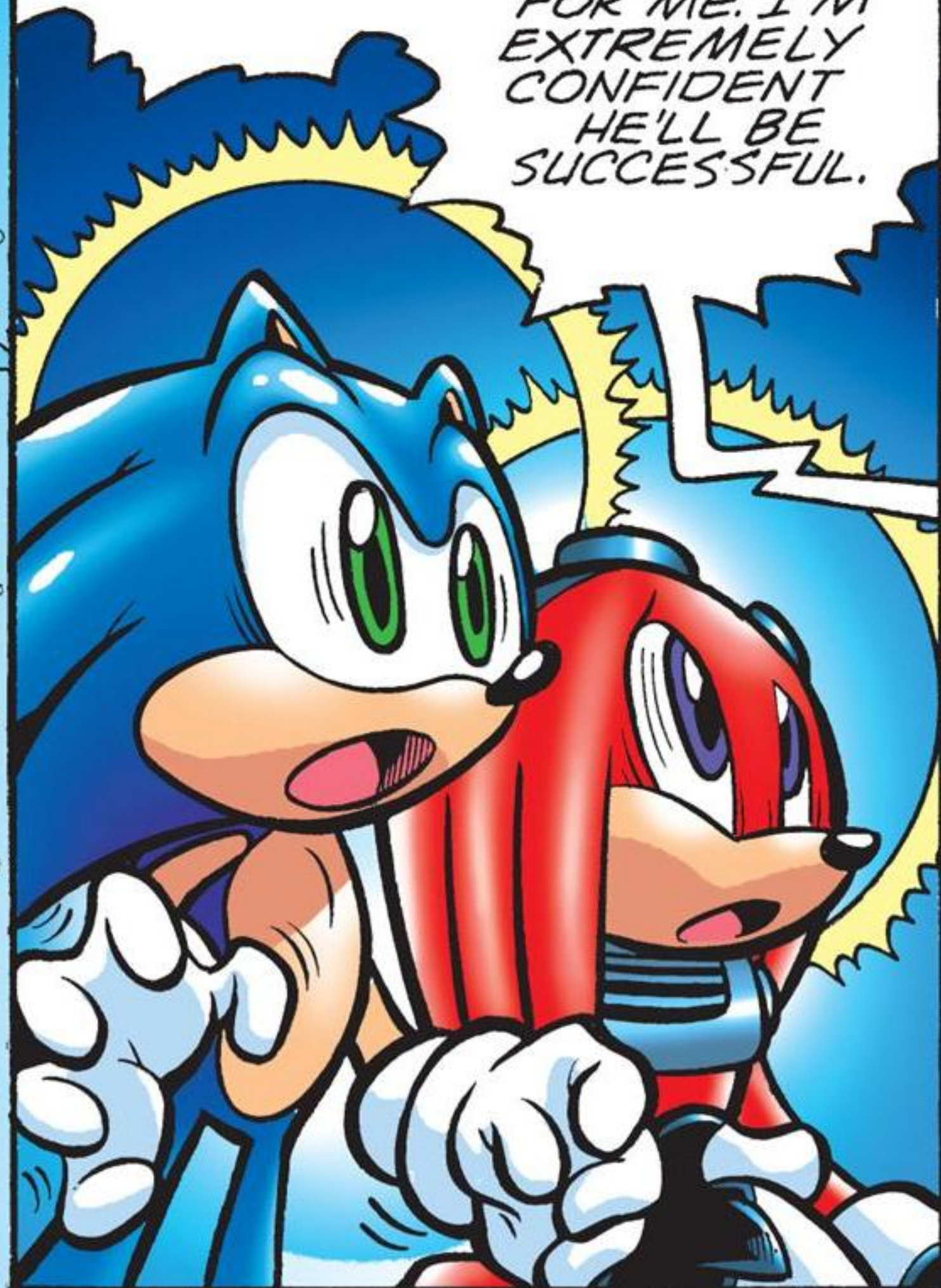
WHILE YOU'VE
BEEN WASTING
TIME IN DINGO
CITY, PLAYING
"SEARCH AND
RESCUE..."

...I'VE
DISPATCHED
ONE OF MY
AGENTS TO
FIND THE
EMERALD
FOR ME. I'M
EXTREMELY
CONFIDENT
HE'LL BE
SUCCESSFUL.

LIVE FEED: MEGACENTRAL COMPLEX



LIVE FEED: MERCIA
FIND ALBION



"YOU SEE..."

EGG

"... HE'S REALLY
QUITE THE
HUNTER!"

TO BE CONCLUDED

INDUBIJS

25 YEARS LATER

AS THE CHIMES STRIKE MIDNIGHT ON ANGEL ISLAND, WHEN MOST ARE SETTLING DOWN FOR AN EVENING'S SLEEP, THE GUARDIAN, KNUCKLES, HAS STEPPED OUT INTO HIS BACKYARD--

--ONLY TO FIND HIS HOUSEGUEST, KING SONIC, WAITING FOR HIM...

MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

I DIDN'T SEE YOU COME OUT HERE!

THE FEET ARE QUICKER THAN THE EYE!

CYBORG OR OTHERWISE!

HAH! YOU WISH!

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

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THIS IS MY *USUAL* WALK BEFORE HITTING THE SACK!

WHAT'S *YOUR* EXCUSE?

COULDN'T SLEEP!

HAD A LOT ON MY MIND!

I MAY REGRET THIS, BUT--

--C'MON!

CAN'T SAY I BLAME YOU THERE!

EVEN THOUGH
THOSE TWO HAVE
NEVER BEEN THE
BEST OF FRIENDS--

--I HOPE
THEY'RE ABLE
TO WORK
THIS OUT!

--I PRAY
THEY'RE
ABLE TO
WORK THIS
OUT!

SO, WHAT'S
EATING YOU?

I SAID
MY PIECE
OVER
DINNER!

YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE
WHAT
ROTOR
TOLD
YOU?

LET'S
JUST SAY I DON'T
DISBELIEVE!

THEN WHY
SOUND THE
ALARM?

BECAUSE,
WHEN
SOMEONE
I **KNOW**
TELLS ME
THE **WORLD**
MIGHT BE
COMING TO
AN **END**--

--I
LISTEN!

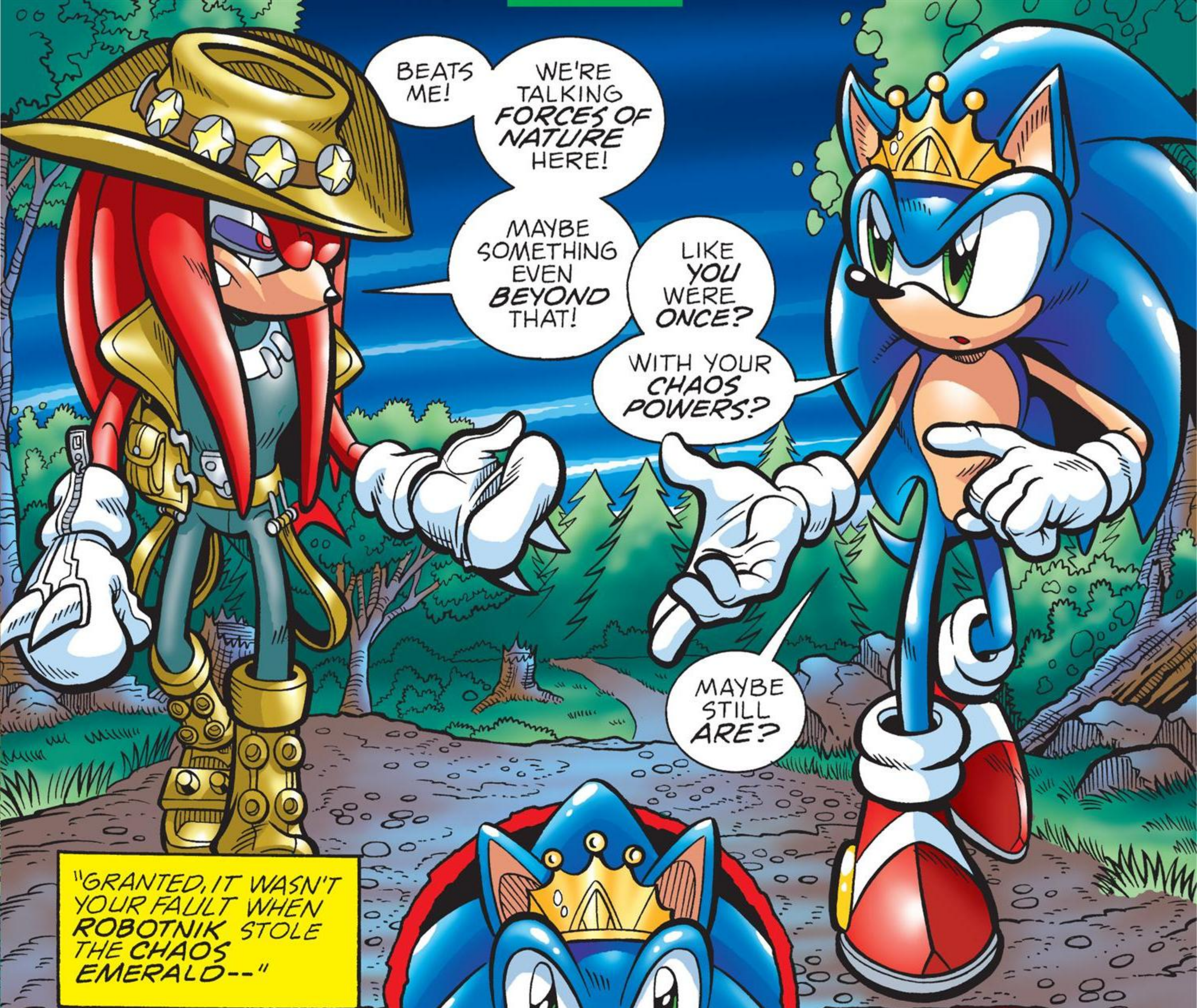
"MIGHT
BE" DOESN'T
MEAN "IT
WILL!"

YEAH, WELL,
CONSIDERING
ROTOR'S AND
COBAR'S
TRACK
RECORDS--

--"IT WILL"
IS THE
SAFER
BET!

HARD TO
ARGUE WITH
THAT!

SO
WHERE
DOES THAT
LEAVE
US?



BEATS
ME!

WE'RE
TALKING
**FORCES OF
NATURE**
HERE!

MAYBE
SOMETHING
EVEN
BEYOND
THAT!

LIKE
YOU
WERE
ONCE?

WITH YOUR
CHAOS
POWERS?

MAYBE
STILL
ARE?

"GRANTED, IT WASN'T
YOUR FAULT WHEN
ROBOTNIK STOLE
THE **CHAOS**
EMERALD--"

WHAT DO
I **CARE** ABOUT
SOME **WORTHLESS**
HUNK OF **ROCK--**

--WHEN I
NOW POSSESS
THE **POWER** TO
BE **MASTER OF**
THE **UNIVERSE!**

NO!

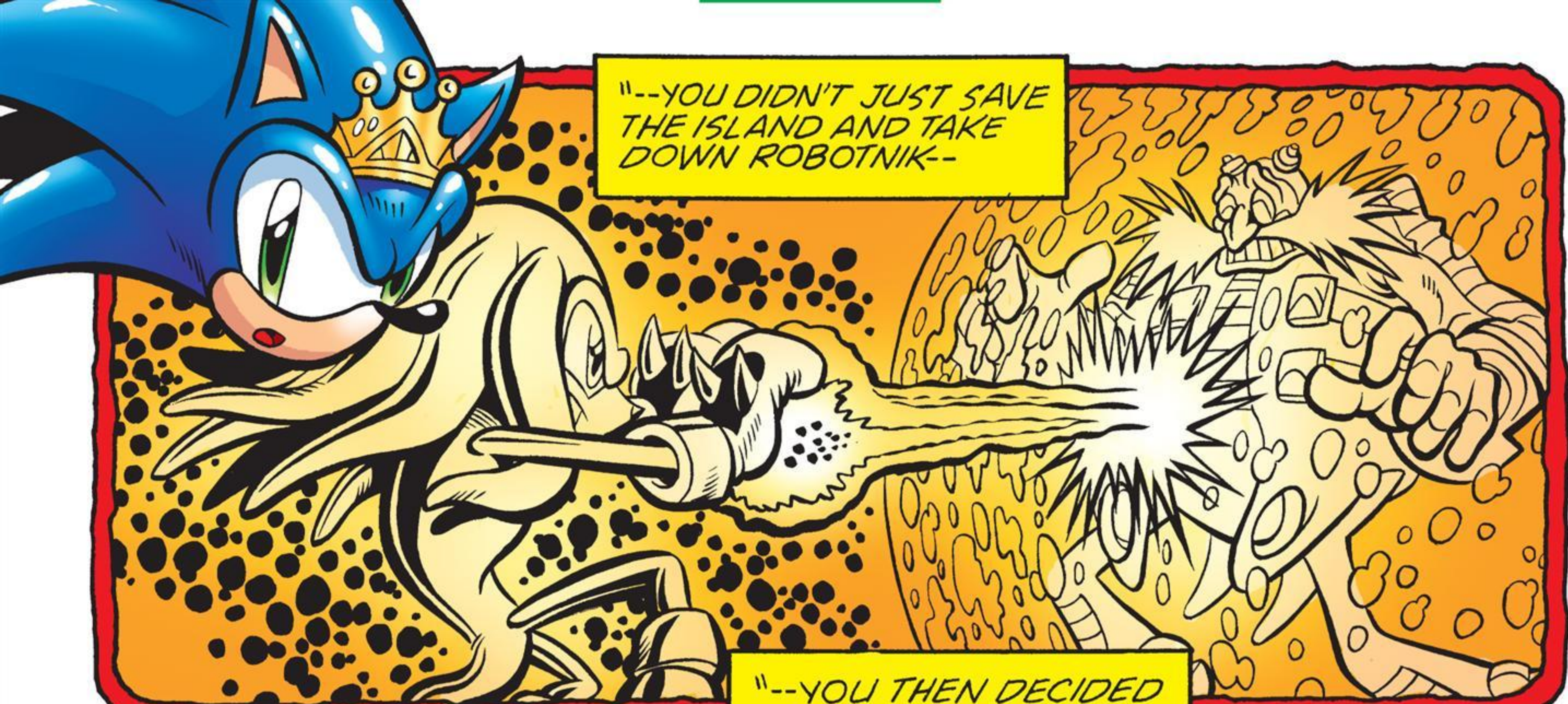
"--IT TRIGGERED
A **CHANGE** IN YOU--"

ANGEL ISLAND
WOULD HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED IF
I HADN'T!

I KNOW!

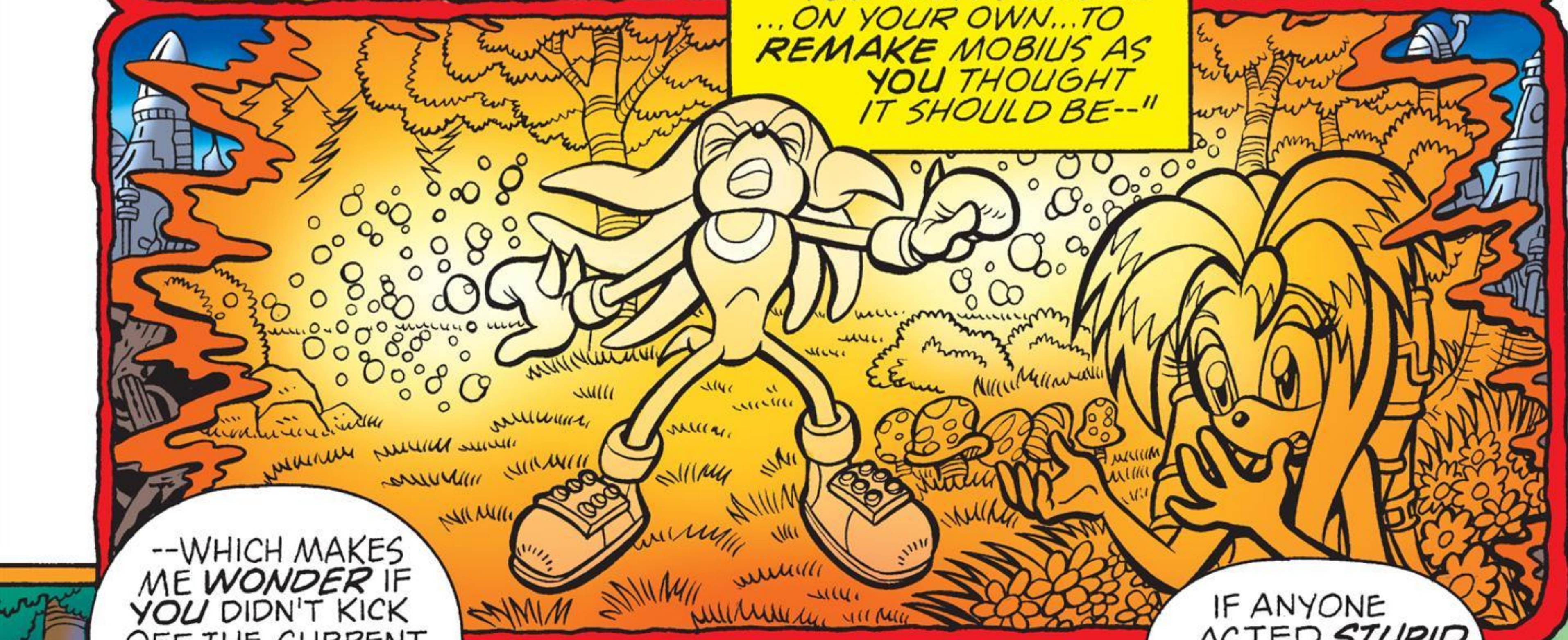
IT WAS A
TOUGH CALL,
BUT--

"--RESULTING IN
YOU BECOMING
A **LIVING**
CHAOS
EMERALD
ONCE AGAIN..."



"--YOU DIDN'T JUST SAVE
THE ISLAND AND TAKE
DOWN ROBOTNIK--

"--YOU THEN DECIDED
...ON YOUR OWN...TO
REMAKE MOBIUS AS
YOU THOUGHT
IT SHOULD BE--"

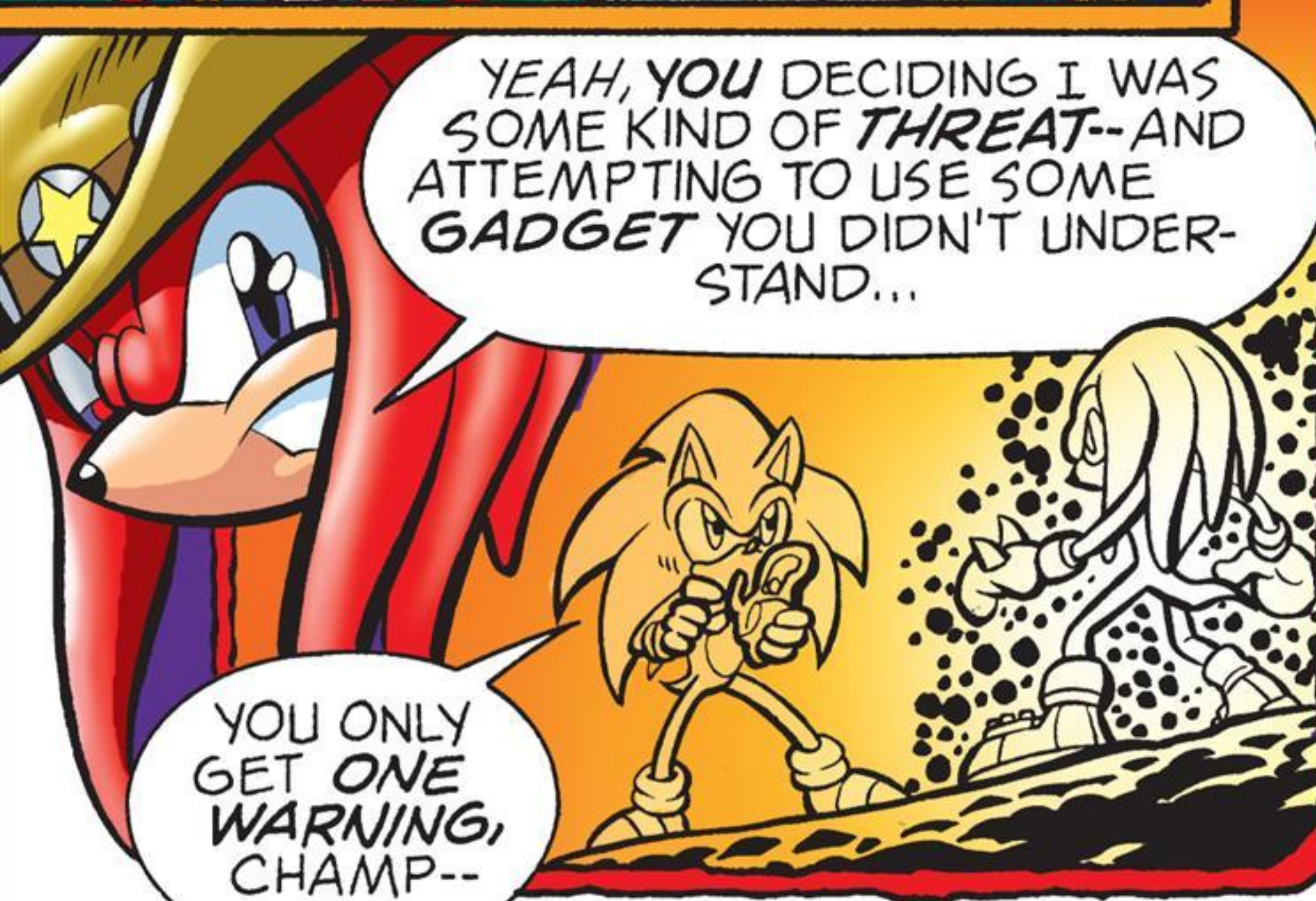


--WHICH MAKES
ME *WONDER* IF
YOU DIDN'T KICK
OFF THE CURRENT
CHAIN OF EVENTS
WHEN YOU PULLED
THAT STUNT!

IF ANYONE
ACTED *STUPID*
AT THE TIME,
IT WAS YOU!

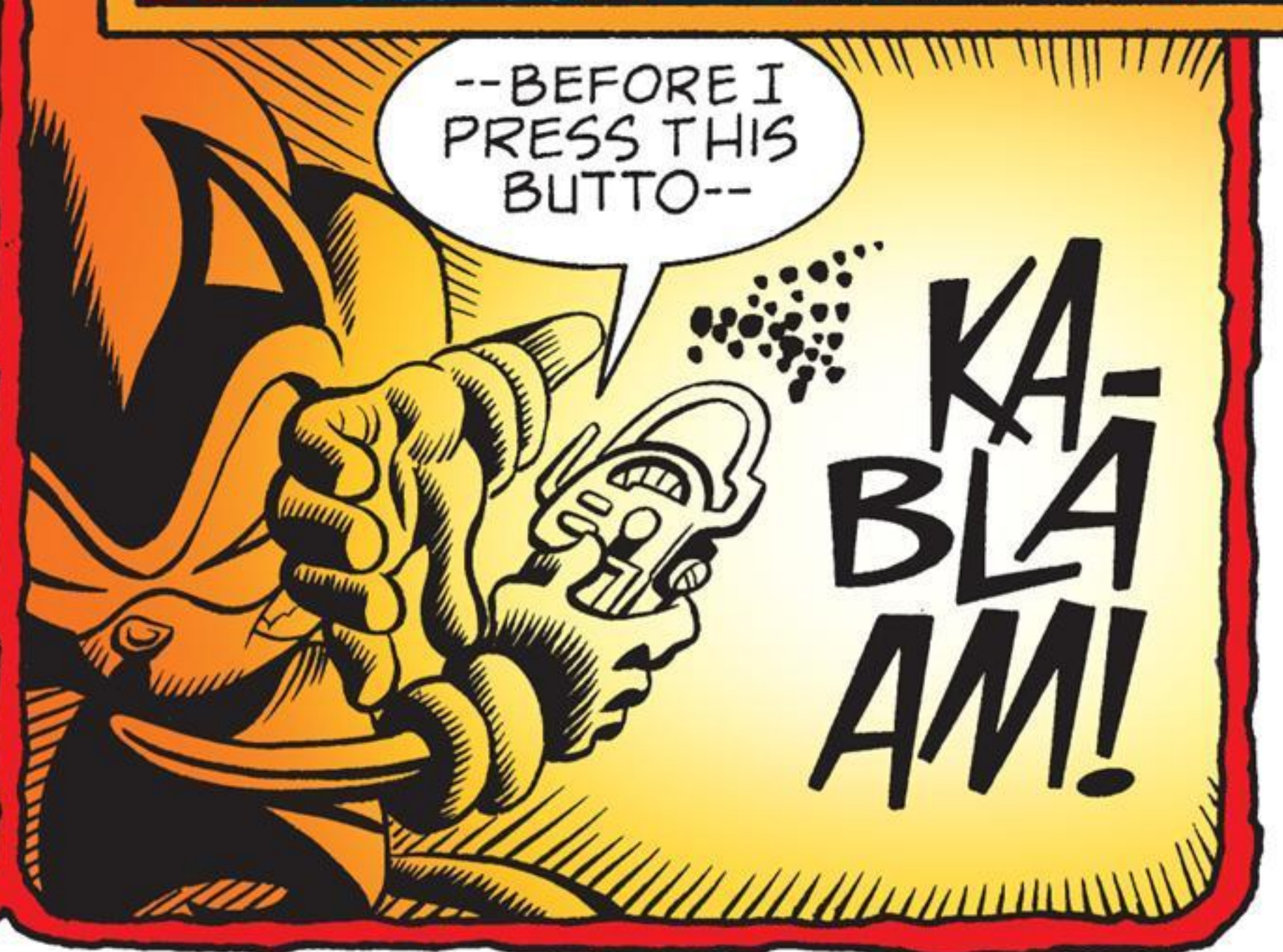


ME?
YEAH,
RIGHT!



YEAH, YOU DECIDING I WAS
SOME KIND OF *THREAT*--AND
ATTEMPTING TO USE SOME
GADGET YOU DIDN'T UNDER-
STAND...

YOU ONLY
GET *ONE*
WARNING,
CHAMP--



--BEFORE I
PRESS THIS
BUTTO--

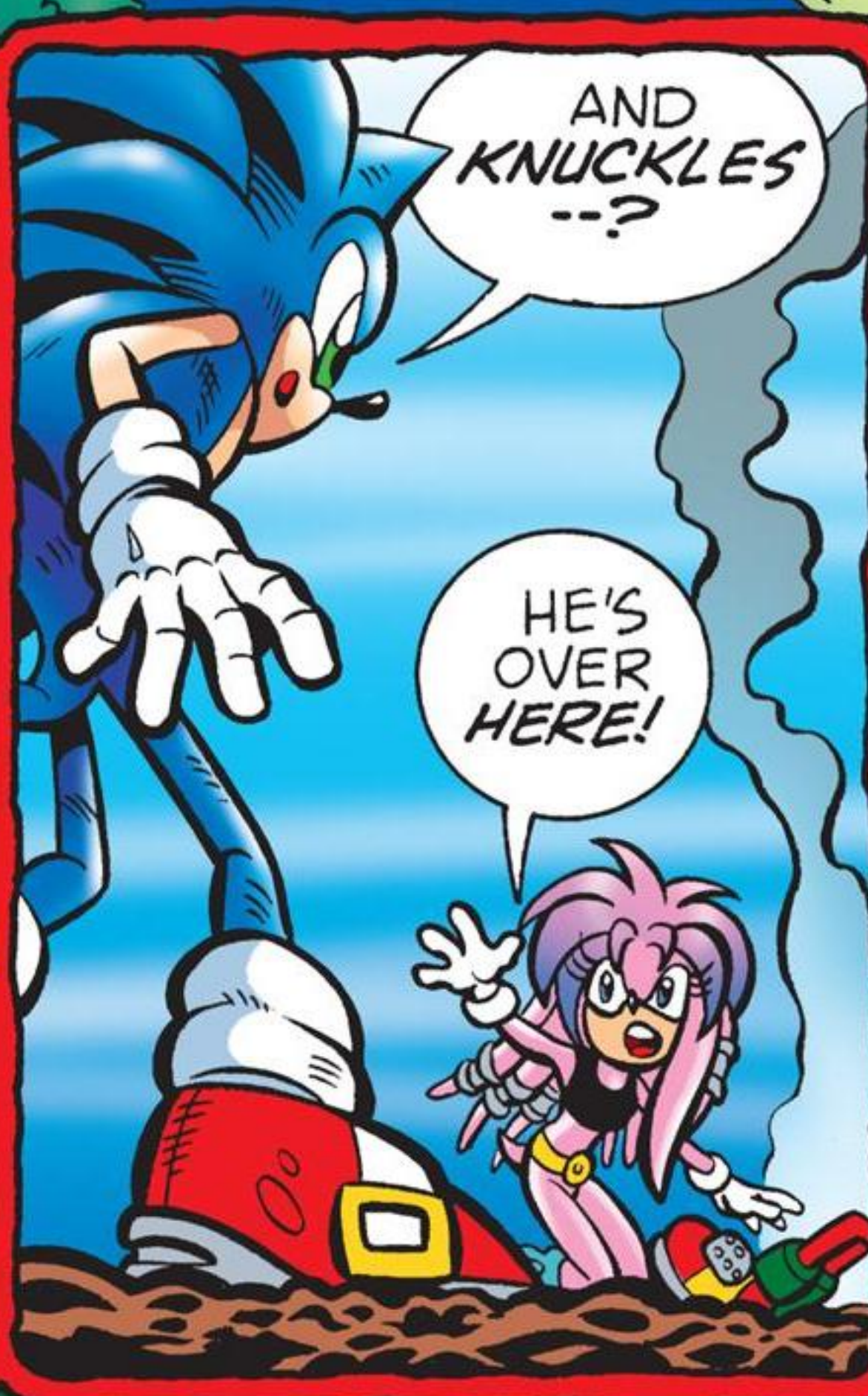
KA-
BLA
AM!



WHAT HAPPENED --?

I'M NOT SURE--

--BUT SOMEHOW THE **NULLIFIER** WENT OFF **PREMATURELY!**



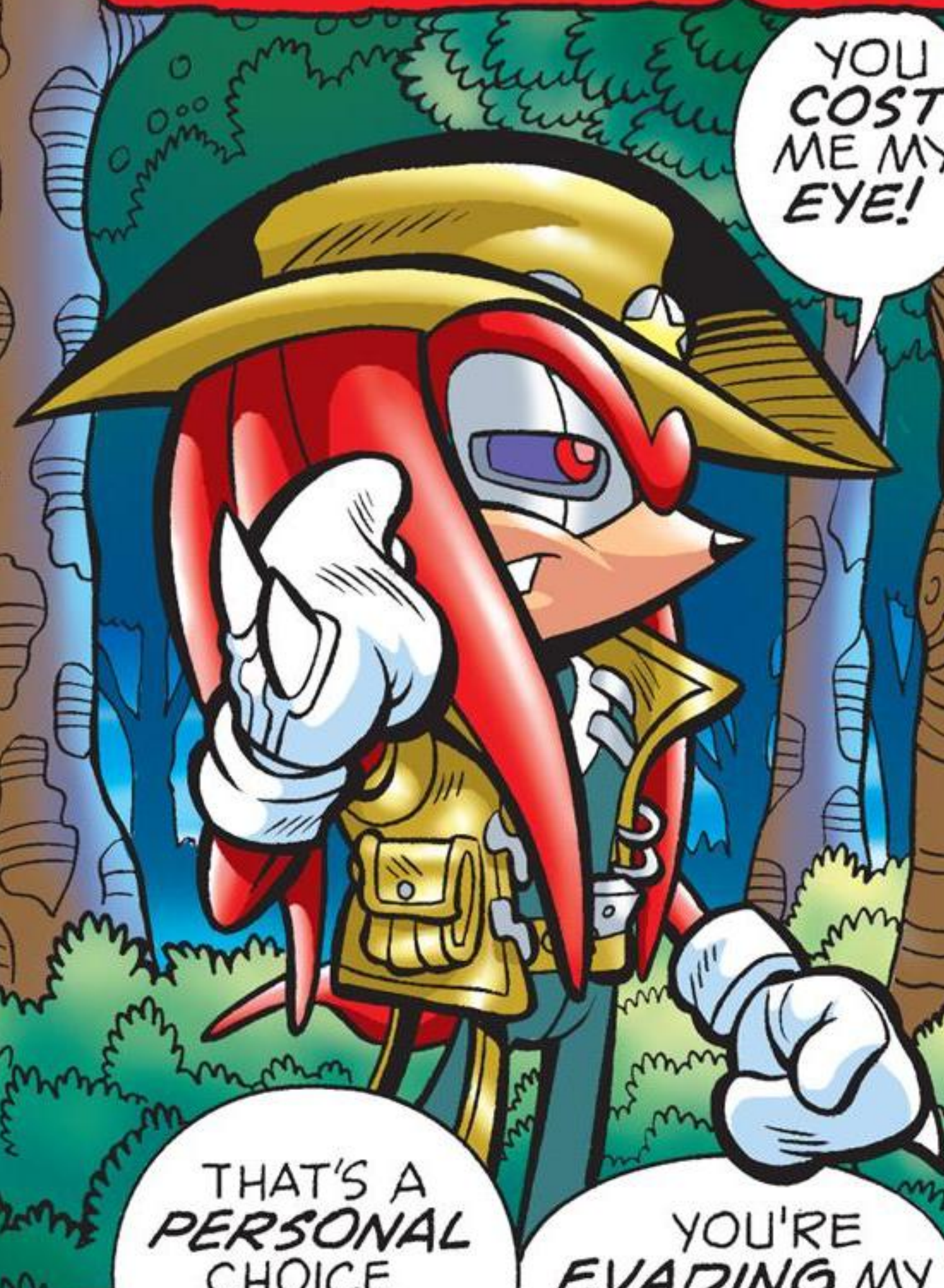
AND **KNUCKLES** --?

HE'S OVER **HERE!**



HE'S **RED** AGAIN, BUT IS HE--

KNUCKLES, ARE YOU--



YOU **COST** ME MY **EYE!**

I'D STILL FEEL **GUILTY** IF I DIDN'T KNOW THE **DOCS** COULD REPLACE THAT **EYEPiece** WITH A **REAL EYE** ANY-TIME YOU WANT!



THAT'S A **PERSONAL** CHOICE AFTER THE **FACT!**

YOU'RE **EVADING** MY **POINT!**



OUR **CURRENT** PROBLEMS COULD ALL BE DUE TO **YOUR** ACTIONS **WAY BACK** WHEN!



AND IF THAT'S SO, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO **FIX THIS!**



JUST LIKE THAT?

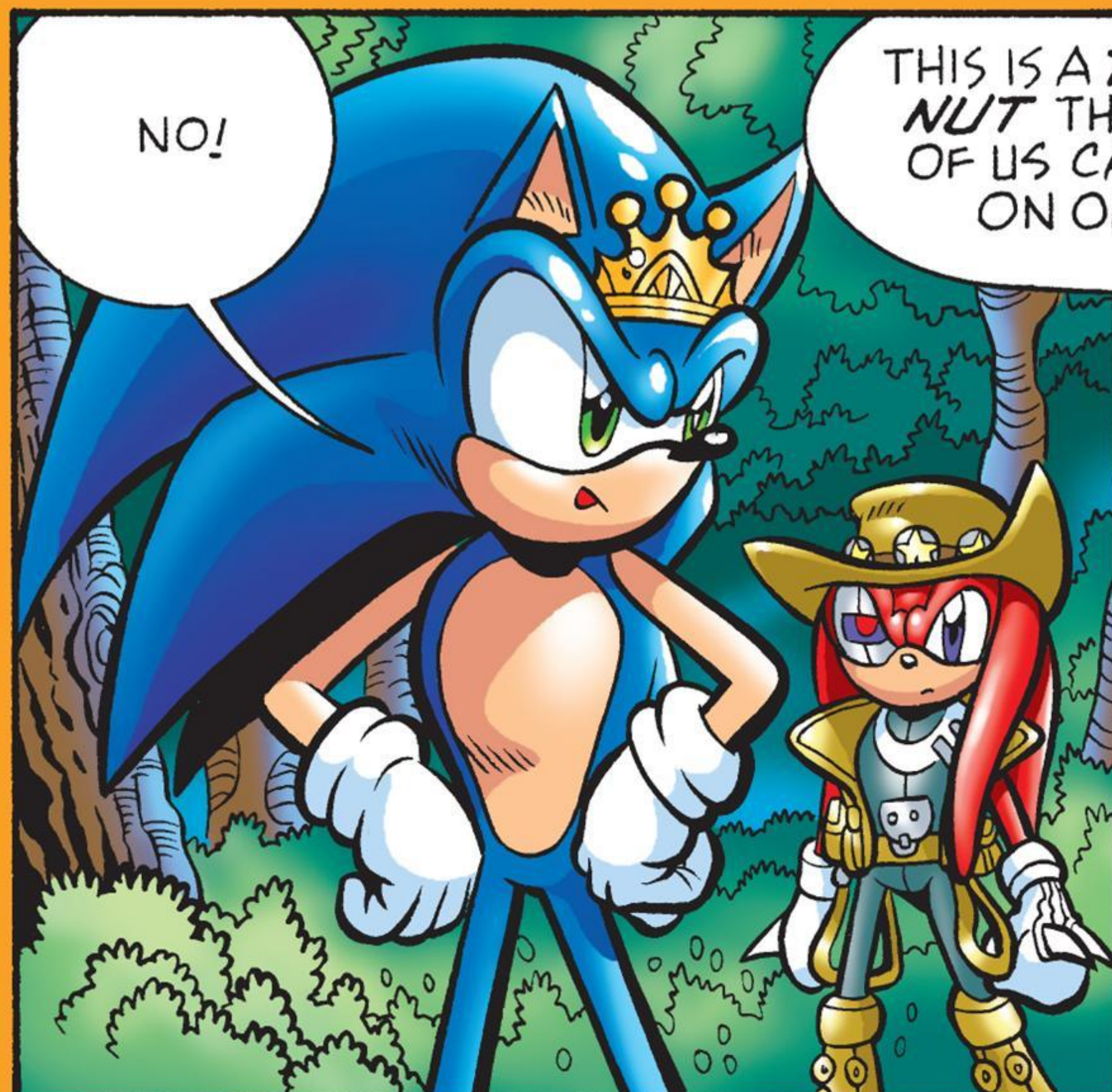
PRETTY MUCH!

AND IF I *DON'T* STILL HAVE THE *POWER*, THEN WHAT?



IS IT MORE IMPORTANT FOR *HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS* TO ASSIGN *BLAME*--

--THAN TO FIND A *SOLUTION* TO THE *PROBLEM*?



NO!

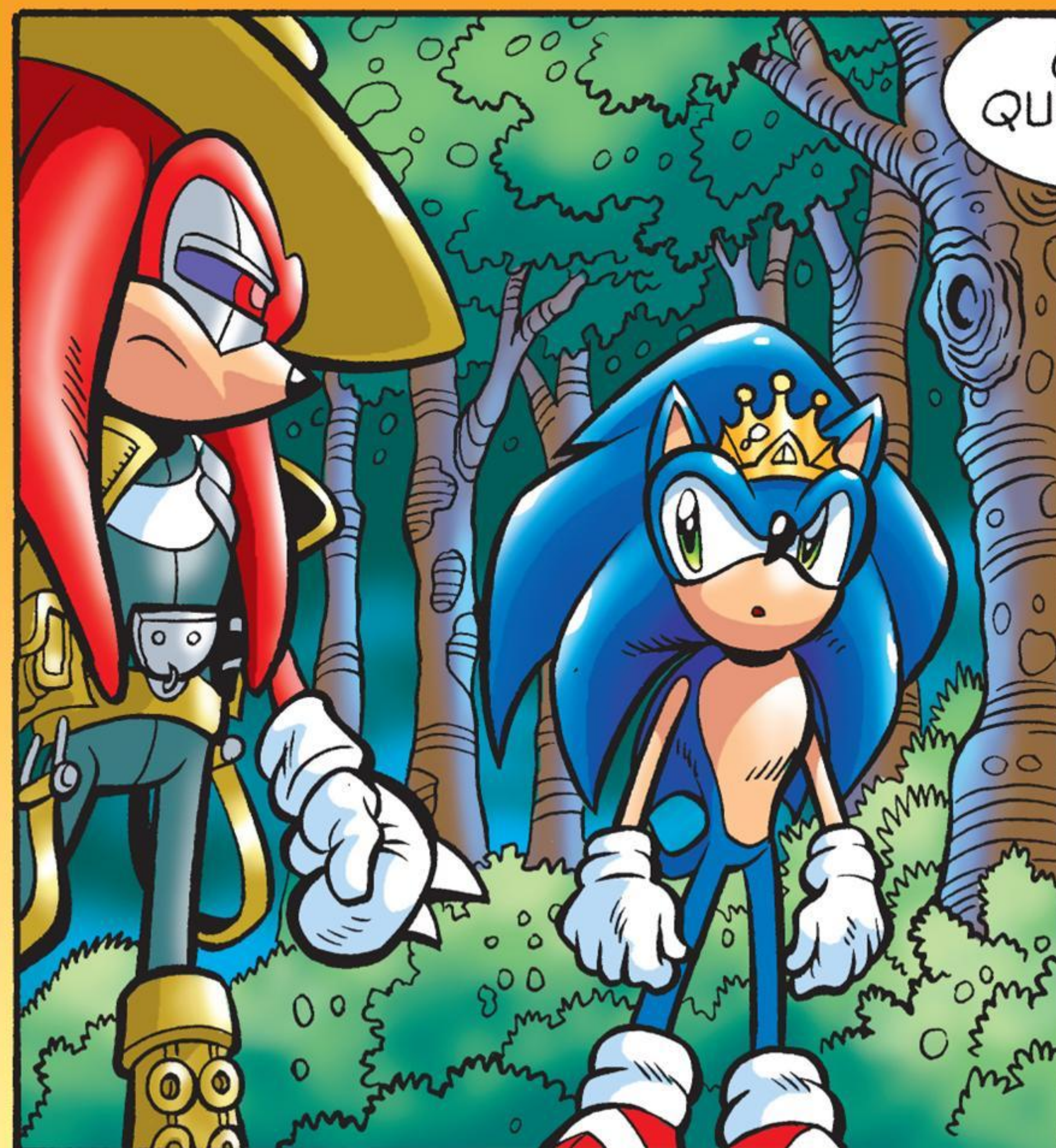
THIS IS A *TOUGHER NUT* THAN EITHER OF US CAN *CRACK* ON OUR OWN!

SO... *ANY* IDEAS?

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE HEDGEHOG I'VE *ALWAYS KNOWN*!



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO *HIM*?



GOOD QUESTION!

I WISH I KNEW.



TO BE CONTINUED...